

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CALIFORNIA STEM CELL
TREATMENT CENTER, INC.,
et al.

Defendants.

No. 5:18-CV-01005-JBG-KKx

Hon. Jesus G. Bernal
Riverside, Courtroom 1

**[PROPOSED] ORDER OF
PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under 21 U.S.C. § 332 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337, and 1345, and personal jurisdiction over all parties. Venue in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c).

2. The Complaint for Permanent Injunction states a cause of action against California Stem Cell Treatment Center, Inc., a California Corporation; Cell Surgical Network Corporation, a California Corporation; and individuals Elliot B. Lander, M.D. and Mark Berman, M.D. (collectively, “Defendants”) under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§ 301, *et seq.* (the “Act”).

3. For purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

A. “CGMP” shall collectively refer to current good manufacturing practice, as set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 351(a)(2)(B) and 21 C.F.R. Parts 210-211, the standards applicable to biological products in 21 C.F.R. Parts 600-680, and the requirements for human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products in 21 C.F.R. Part 1271;

1 B. “Drug” shall have the meaning given the term in 21 U.S.C.
2 § 321(g)(1) and shall include any HCT/P, as defined below, that does not meet all of the
3 criteria in 21 C.F.R. § 1271.10(a), and the exception in 21 C.F.R. § 1271.15(b) does not
4 apply;

5 C. “Defendants’ facility” shall refer to the facilities located at 72780
6 Country Club Drive, Suite 301, Rancho Mirage, California, 92270, and 120 South
7 Spalding Drive, Suite 300, Beverly Hills, California, 90212, and any other location(s) at
8 which one or more Defendants, now or in the future, receive, manufacture, process,
9 pack, repack, label, hold, and/or distribute the CSCTC products, as defined in
10 subparagraph E below, any other drug, or any HCT/P;

11 D. “HCT/P” shall refer to human cell, tissue, or cellular or tissue-based
12 product, as defined in 21 C.F.R. § 1271.3(d); and

13 E. “CSCTC products” shall refer to products that Defendants prepare or
14 cause to be prepared that contain Stromal Vascular Fraction (“SVF”) obtained or derived
15 from adipose tissue, including, but not limited to expanded SVF products, such as
16 ATCELL, and products that combine SVF with any other article, including, but not
17 limited to, ACAM2000 or any strain of Vaccinia Virus.

18 4. The CSCTC products do not meet all of the criteria in 21 C.F.R. §
19 1271.10(a), and no exception in 21 C.F.R. § 1271.15 applies. The CSCTC products are
20 drugs within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. § 321(g)(1).

21 5. Defendants violate the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 331(k), by causing articles of drug
22 to become adulterated within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. § 351(a)(2)(B), and misbranded
23 within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f)(1), 352(j), and 353(b)(4), while such drugs,
24 or one or more of their components, are held for sale after shipment in interstate
25 commerce. Defendants also violate the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 331(c), by receiving
26 misbranded drugs in interstate commerce and delivering them for pay or otherwise.

1 6. Upon entry of this Order, Defendants, and each and all of their directors,
2 officers, agents, employees, representatives, successors, assigns, attorneys, and any and
3 all persons in active concert or participation with any of them (including individuals,
4 directors, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, and partnerships), who have received
5 actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are hereby permanently
6 restrained and enjoined under 21 U.S.C. § 332(a) and the inherent equitable authority of
7 this Court, from directly or indirectly doing or causing to be done any act that:

8 A. Violates 21 U.S.C. § 331(k) by causing any article of drug to become
9 adulterated within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. § 351(a)(2)(B) or to become misbranded
10 within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f)(1), 352(j), or 353(b)(4), while such article is
11 held for sale after shipment of one or more of its components in interstate commerce;

12 B. Violates 21 U.S.C. § 331(c) by receiving in interstate commerce any
13 article of drug that is misbranded, and delivering or proffering the misbranded drug for
14 pay or otherwise; and/or

15 C. Results in the failure to implement and continuously maintain the
16 requirements of this Order.

17 7. Upon entry of this Order, Defendants and each and all of their directors,
18 officers, agents, employees, representatives, successors, assigns, attorneys, and any and
19 all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who have received actual
20 notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are permanently restrained and
21 enjoined under 21 U.S.C. § 332(a) and the inherent equitable authority of this Court from
22 directly or indirectly receiving, manufacturing, processing, packing, repacking, labeling,
23 and/or distributing the CSCTC products or any other drug, unless and until:

24 A. Defendants' methods, facilities, and controls used to receive,
25 manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, hold, and distribute such products are
26 established, operated, and administered in conformity with CGMP to FDA's satisfaction;

1 B. Defendants retain, at Defendants' expense, an independent person or
2 persons (the "Expert"), without personal or financial ties (other than the consulting
3 agreement between the parties) to Defendants or their immediate families, who by reason
4 of background, experience, education, and training, is qualified to inspect Defendants'
5 facility to determine whether their methods, facilities, and controls are established,
6 operated, and administered in conformity with CGMP and to evaluate the labeling of the
7 CSCTC products and any other drugs manufactured, processed, packed, repacked,
8 labeled, and/or distributed by Defendants to determine whether they are in compliance
9 with 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f) and 353(b)(4). Defendants shall notify FDA in writing of the
10 identity of the Expert within ten (10) days of retaining such Expert;

11 C. The Expert performs a comprehensive inspection of Defendants'
12 facility and the methods and controls used to receive, manufacture, process, pack,
13 repack, label, hold, and distribute such products to determine whether such facilities,
14 methods, and controls are, at a minimum, in conformity with CGMP, and to determine
15 whether the labeling of the CSCTC products and any other drugs manufactured,
16 processed, packed, repacked, labeled, and/or distributed by Defendants is in compliance
17 with 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f) and 353(b)(4);

18 D. The Expert certifies to FDA that:

19 (1) The Expert has inspected Defendants' facility, methods,
20 controls, and product labeling;

21 (2) All deviations from CGMP brought to Defendants' attention by
22 FDA, the Expert, or any other source have been corrected;

23 (3) For each of the CSCTC products and any other drugs received,
24 manufactured, processed, packed, repacked, labeled, and/or distributed by Defendants,
25 Defendants have an approved new drug application, or investigational new drug
26 application ("IND") in effect submitted pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(b) or (i)
27 respectively, or have obtained an approved biologics license application; and
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1 (4) Defendants' facility, methods, and controls are in compliance
2 with CGMP and the labeling of the CSCTC products and any other drugs received,
3 manufactured, processed, packed, repacked, labeled, and/or distributed by Defendants is
4 in compliance with 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f) and 353(b)(4). As part of this certification, the
5 Expert shall include a detailed and complete report of the results of the Expert's
6 inspections. The Expert shall submit his/her report(s) to FDA at the addresses specified
7 in paragraph 24.

8 E. Defendants ensure that the labeling for the CSCTC products and any
9 other drugs that they receive, manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, and/or distribute
10 bear adequate directions for use within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. § 352(f)(1) and all
11 applicable regulations, or are in full compliance with a regulatory exemption to 21
12 U.S.C. § 352(f)(1) in 21 C.F.R. Part 201 Subpart D;

13 F. Defendants ensure that, at all times prior to dispensing, the labels for
14 the CSCTC products and any other prescription drugs within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. §
15 353(b) that they receive, manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, and/or distribute bear
16 the symbol "Rx only" pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 353(b)(4)(A);

17 G. Defendants report to FDA in writing the actions they have taken to:

18 (1) Correct the CGMP deviations brought to Defendants' attention
19 by FDA, the CGMP Expert, and any other source;

20 (2) Ensure that the methods used in, and the facilities and controls
21 used for, receiving, manufacturing, processing, packing, repacking, labeling, holding,
22 and distributing the CSCTC products and any other drug are operated and will be
23 continuously administered in conformity with CGMP; and

24 (3) Ensure that the CSCTC products and any other drug that
25 Defendants receive, manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, and/or distribute are not
26 misbranded within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f)(1), (j), and/or 353(b)(4);
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1 H. FDA representatives inspect Defendants' facility to determine
2 whether the requirements of this Order have been met, and whether Defendants' facility
3 is otherwise operated in conformity with CGMP and any drugs that they receive,
4 manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, and/or distribute are labeled in conformity
5 with 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f)(1) and 353(b)(4); and

6 I. FDA notifies Defendants in writing that Defendants appear to be in
7 compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraphs 7.A-G.

8 8. After Defendants have complied with paragraphs 7.A-G, and FDA has
9 notified them pursuant to paragraph 7.I, Defendants shall retain an independent person or
10 persons who shall meet the criteria described in paragraph 7.B (hereafter, the "Auditor")
11 to conduct audit inspections of Defendants' facility to determine whether Defendants are
12 in compliance with this Order, the Act, and its implementing regulations, including
13 whether Defendants' facility is operated in conformity with CGMP and whether any
14 drugs that Defendants receive, manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, and/or
15 distribute are labeled in conformity with 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f)(1) and 353(b)(4). The
16 Auditor shall conduct such audit inspections at least once every six (6) months, for a
17 period of no less than two (2) years, and then at least once every twelve (12) months
18 thereafter. If Defendants choose, the Auditor may be the same person or persons
19 retained as the Expert in paragraph 7.B.

20 A. At the conclusion of each audit inspection, the Auditor shall prepare a
21 detailed written audit report ("audit report") analyzing whether Defendants are in
22 compliance with this Order, the Act, and its implementing regulations, including whether
23 Defendants' facility is operated in conformity with CGMP and whether any drugs that
24 Defendants receive, manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, and/or distribute are
25 labeled in conformity with 21 U.S.C. §§ 352(f)(1) and 353(b)(4), and identifying any
26 deviations ("audit report observations"). As a part of every audit report, except the first
27 audit report, the Auditor shall assess the adequacy of corrective actions taken by
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1 Defendants to correct all previous audit report observations. The audit reports shall be
2 delivered contemporaneously to Defendants and FDA by courier service or overnight
3 delivery service, no later than ten (10) business days after the date the audit inspection(s)
4 is completed. In addition, Defendants shall maintain the audit reports in separate files at
5 Defendants' facility and shall promptly make the audit reports available to FDA upon
6 request.

7 B. If an audit report contains any observations indicating that
8 Defendants are not in compliance with this Order, the Act, and/or its implementing
9 regulations, Defendants shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving the audit
10 report, correct those observations, unless FDA notifies Defendants that a shorter time
11 period is necessary. If, after receiving the audit report, Defendants believe that
12 correction of the deviations will take longer than fifteen (15) calendar days, Defendants
13 shall, within five (5) calendar days after receiving the audit report, submit to FDA in
14 writing a proposed schedule for completing corrections ("correction schedule"). The
15 correction schedule must be reviewed and approved by FDA in writing prior to
16 implementation by Defendants. In no circumstance shall FDA's silence be construed as
17 a substitute for written approval. Defendants shall complete all corrections according to
18 the approved correction schedule. Within thirty (30) calendar days after Defendants
19 receive an audit report, unless FDA notifies Defendants that a shorter time period is
20 necessary, or within the time period provided in a correction schedule approved by FDA,
21 the Auditor shall review the actions taken by Defendants to correct the audit report
22 observations. Within five (5) business days after beginning that review, the Auditor
23 shall report in writing to FDA whether each of the audit report observations has been
24 corrected and, if not, which audit report observations remain uncorrected.

25 9. If Defendants receive, manufacture, process, pack, repack, label, and/or
26 distribute any HCT/P that meets all of the criteria in 21 C.F.R. § 1271.10(a), Defendants
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1 shall continuously ensure that the HCT/P and Defendants' facility comply with all of the
2 requirements in Part 1271.

3 10. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after the entry of this Order, Defendants,
4 under FDA's supervision, shall destroy any and all unapproved, adulterated, and/or
5 misbranded drugs that are in Defendants' possession, custody, or control. Defendants
6 shall bear the costs of destruction and the costs of FDA's supervision. Defendants shall
7 not dispose of any drugs in a manner contrary to the provisions of the Act, any other
8 federal law, or the laws of any state or territory, as defined in the Act, in which the drugs
9 are disposed.

10 11. If, at any time after entry of this Order, FDA determines, based on the
11 results of an inspection, analyses of samples, a report or data prepared or submitted by
12 Defendants or the Expert or Auditor pursuant to this Order, or any other information,
13 that Defendants have failed to comply with any provision of this Order, or have violated
14 the Act and/or applicable regulations, and/or that additional corrective actions are
15 necessary to achieve compliance with this Order, the Act, and/or applicable regulations,
16 FDA may, as and when it deems necessary, direct Defendants in writing to take
17 appropriate actions. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

18 A. Cease receiving, manufacturing, processing, packing, repacking,
19 labeling, and/or distributing the CSCTC products, any other drugs, and HCT/Ps (as
20 defined in 21 C.F.R. § 1271.3(d));

21 B. Recall, at Defendants' sole expense, any products that are adulterated
22 or misbranded or are otherwise in violation of this Order, the Act, or applicable
23 regulations; and/or

24 C. Take any other corrective action(s) as FDA, in its discretion, deems
25 necessary to bring Defendants and their products into compliance with this Order, the
26 Act, or applicable regulations.

1 This remedy shall be separate and apart from, and in addition to, any other remedy
2 available to the United States under this Order or under the law.

3 12. Any cessation of operations or other action described in paragraph 11 shall
4 continue until Defendants receive written notification from FDA that Defendants appear
5 to be in compliance with this Order, the Act, and its implementing regulations, and that
6 Defendants may resume operations. Upon Defendants' written request to resume
7 operations, FDA will determine whether Defendants appear to be in such compliance,
8 and, if so, issue to Defendants a written notification permitting, as appropriate,
9 resumption of operations. In no circumstance shall FDA's silence be construed as a
10 substitute for written notification. The costs of FDA inspections, sampling, testing,
11 travel time, and subsistence expenses to implement the remedies set forth in this
12 paragraph and paragraph 11, including the cost of travel incurred by specialized
13 investigatory and expert personnel, shall be borne by Defendants at the rates specified in
14 paragraph 14.

15 13. Representatives of FDA shall be permitted, without prior notice and as and
16 when FDA deems necessary, to inspect Defendants' places of business and take any
17 other measures necessary to monitor and ensure continuing compliance with this Order.
18 During inspections, FDA representatives shall be permitted to: have immediate access to
19 buildings, equipment, in-process or unfinished and finished materials, containers,
20 packaging material, labeling, and other promotional material therein; take photographs
21 and make video recordings; take samples of Defendants' in-process or unfinished and
22 finished materials, containers, packaging material, labeling, and other promotional
23 material; and examine and copy all records relating to the receipt, manufacture,
24 processing, packing, repacking, labeling, holding, and distribution of any and all CSCTC
25 products, drugs, HCT/Ps, and their components. The inspections shall be permitted upon
26 presentation of a copy of this Order and appropriate credentials. The inspection authority
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1 granted by this Order is separate from, and in addition to, the authority to make
2 inspections under the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 374.

3 14. Defendants shall reimburse FDA for the costs of all FDA inspections,
4 investigations, supervision, reviews, examinations, and analyses specified in this Order
5 or that FDA deems necessary to evaluate Defendants' compliance with this Order,
6 including the travel incurred by specialized investigatory and expert personnel. The
7 costs of such inspections shall be borne by Defendants at the prevailing rates in effect at
8 the time the costs are incurred. As of the date of this Order, these rates are: \$95.39 per
9 hour and fraction thereof per representative for inspection work; \$114.33 per hour or
10 fraction thereof per representative for analytical or review work; \$0.58 per mile for
11 travel expenses by automobile; government rate or the equivalent for travel by air or
12 other means; and the published government per diem rate or the equivalent for the areas
13 in which the inspections are performed per-day, per-representative for subsistence
14 expenses, where necessary. In the event that the standard rates applicable to FDA
15 supervision of court-ordered compliance are modified, these rates shall be increased or
16 decreased without further order of the Court.

17 15. This Order does not apply to drugs that are both (A) the subject of an
18 application approved pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(b) or a biologics license application
19 approved by FDA and (B) not manufactured, processed, packed, or labeled by
20 Defendants.

21 16. In the event that any Defendant(s) or Associated Persons, as defined in
22 paragraph 18, submit an IND, including, but not limited to, an Individual Patient
23 Expanded Access IND, Form FDA 3926, and FDA finds such IND does not meet:

24 A. The requirements in 21 C.F.R. § 312.23; and/or

25 B. As applicable, the requirements for all expanded access uses in 21
26 C.F.R. § 312.305, or the additional criteria, submission requirements, or safeguards that
27 apply to specific types of expanded access, as described in 21 C.F.R. §§ 312.310 through
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1 312.320, including, but not limited to, providing with Form FDA 3926, a Letter of
2 Authorization granting FDA the right to reference another application or suitable Master
3 File for information to satisfy the IND submission requirements, such as a description of
4 the manufacturing facility, chemistry, manufacturing and controls information, and
5 pharmacology and toxicology information; FDA may notify any such Defendant(s) or
6 Associated Persons, in writing, that the IND has not been received by FDA, as the term
7 “receives” is used under 21 C.F.R. §§ 312.40(b) and 312.305(d)(1), and that such IND is
8 not in effect. Absent an IND being in effect, the investigational new drug shall not be
9 used in a clinical investigation.

10 17. Defendants shall immediately post a copy of this Order in a common area at
11 Defendants’ facility and at any other location at which Defendants conduct business and
12 shall ensure that the Order remains posted for as long as the Order remains in effect.

13 18. Within ten (10) calendar days after the entry of this Order, Defendants shall
14 provide a copy of this Order, by personal service or registered mail, to each and all of
15 their directors, officers, agents, employees, representatives, successors, assigns,
16 attorneys, and any and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them
17 (referred to collectively as “Associated Persons”). Within thirty (30) calendar days after
18 the date of entry of this Order, Defendants shall provide to FDA an affidavit of
19 compliance, signed by a person with personal knowledge of the facts, stating the fact and
20 manner of compliance with the provisions of this paragraph and identifying the names,
21 addresses, and positions of all persons who have received a copy of this Order.

22 19. In the event that any of the Defendants becomes associated with any
23 additional Associated Person(s) at any time after entry of this Order, Defendants
24 immediately shall provide a copy of this Order, by personal service or certified mail
25 (restricted delivery, return receipt requested), to such Associated Person(s). Within
26 thirty (30) calendar days of each time any of the Defendants becomes associated with
27 any such additional Associated Person(s), Defendants shall provide to FDA an affidavit
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1 stating the fact and manner of their compliance with this paragraph, identifying the
2 names, addresses, and positions of all Associated Persons who received a copy of this
3 Order pursuant to this paragraph, and attaching a copy of the executed certified mail
4 return receipts. Within ten (10) calendar days of receiving a request from FDA for any
5 information or documentation that FDA deems necessary to evaluate Defendants'
6 compliance with this paragraph, Defendants shall provide such information or
7 documentation to FDA.

8 20. Defendants shall notify FDA at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any
9 change in ownership, character, or name of their businesses, including incorporation,
10 reorganization, bankruptcy, assignment, or sale resulting in the emergence of a successor
11 business or corporation, the creation or dissolution of subsidiaries, or any other change in
12 the corporate structure or identity of California Stem Cell Treatment Center, Inc. or Cell
13 Surgical Network Corporation, or in the sale or assignment of any business assets, such
14 as buildings, equipment, or inventory, that may affect obligations arising out of this
15 Order. Defendants shall provide a copy of this Order to any potential successor or assign
16 at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any sale or assignment. Defendants shall
17 furnish FDA with an affidavit of compliance with this paragraph no later than ten (10)
18 calendar days prior to such assignment or change in ownership.

19 21. If Defendants fail to comply with any provision of the Act, its implementing
20 regulations, and/or this Order with respect to any of Defendants' products and/or
21 Defendants' facility, including any time frame imposed by this Order, then, on written
22 notice of FDA in this proceeding, Defendants shall pay to the United States of America:
23 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in liquidated damages for each day such violation
24 continues; an additional sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in liquidated damages
25 for each violation; and further additional sum equal to the retail value of drugs or
26 HCT/Ps that have been received, manufactured, processed, packed, repacked, labeled,
27 held, and/or distributed in violation of the Act, its implementing regulations, and/or this
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1 Order. The remedy in this paragraph shall be in addition to any other remedies available
2 to the United States under this Order or the law.

3 22. Defendants shall abide by the decisions of FDA, and FDA's decisions shall
4 be final. All decisions conferred upon FDA in this Order shall be vested in FDA's
5 discretion and, if contested, shall be reviewed by the Court under the arbitrary and
6 capricious standard set forth in 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(A). Review by the Court of any FDA
7 decision rendered pursuant to this Order shall be based exclusively on the written record
8 before FDA at the time of the decision. No discovery shall be taken by either party.

9 23. Should the United States of America bring, and prevail in, a contempt
10 action to enforce the terms of this Order, Defendants shall, in addition to other remedies,
11 reimburse the United States for its attorneys' fees (including overhead), travel expenses
12 incurred by attorneys and witnesses, court costs, expert witness fees, and investigational
13 and analytical expenses incurred in bringing such action.

14 24. All notifications, certifications, reports, correspondence, and other
15 communications to FDA required by the terms of this Order shall be marked "Permanent
16 Injunction Correspondence" and shall be sent to both the Director, Office of Biological
17 Products Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Medical Products and
18 Tobacco Operations, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire
19 Avenue, White Oak Building 31, Room 3548, Silver Spring, MD 20993, and Director,
20 Office of Compliance and Biologics Quality, CBER, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue,
21 White Oak Building 71, Room 5030 HFM-600, Silver Spring, MD 20993.

22 25. If any deadline in this Order falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is
23 continued to the next business day.

24 26. This Court retains jurisdiction of this action and the parties thereto for the
25 purpose of enforcing and modifying this Order and for the purpose of granting such
26 additional relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

1 SO ORDERED:

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3 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2019.
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7 Hon. Jesus G. Bernal
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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